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Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna FA152, G-JEET

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date and Time (UTC): 8 July 1989 at 1020 hrs

Location: Hatfield Aerodrome, Hertfordshire

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nosewheel leg broken, propeller severely bent

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 32 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 37 hours (of which all were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

It was the second solo flight of the student and the second circuit of that flight. The wind was calm and the visibility was 6-7 Km. The first landing was uneventful and was assessed as normal by the instructor positioned beside the runway threshold. The second landing was also normal and definitely on the mainwheels, but resulted in a slight bounce and a second touchdown which, although in a rather flatter attitude than the first, was reportedly also on the mainwheels. However, there was a loud "bang" and the aircraft skidded to a stop on the broken nose undercarriage leg, with the propeller striking the runway.

The repair organisation states that subsequent examination of the nose undercarriage leg some evidence of a pre-existing crack.